

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 21, 2006 – 7:00 P. M.

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#### (A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young  
Kathy Rawls  
Scott Singer  
LaWana McKenzie  
Chuck Smith  
Eddie Butler  
Charles Barton  
Gary Bunker

Council Members absent:

Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator  
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney  
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

#### (B) INVOCATION

Councilwoman McKenzie led in the invocation.

#### (C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Bunker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### (D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 7, 2006 Worksession
2. March 7, 2006 Regular Meeting

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

#### (E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend and approve the agenda as follows:
  1. Move Consent Item 15 to Old Business Item 1.
  2. Amend Consent Item 5 by deleting Chestnut Brown Court, Sorrel Red Court and Blue Roan Court from the road naming Resolution.
  3. Delete Consent Item 12.

4. Add Consent Item 16a – Proposed Resolution to Recognize and Commend Reverend Clinton Edwards on His First Pastoral Anniversary at Friendship Baptist Church.
  5. Add Consent Item 16b – Proposed Resolution To State That Aiken County Government Has No Objection to the Closing of Sawyer Young Road (C-921).
- b. Councilman Butler seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(F) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Through Trucks on Powderhouse Road (S-2-440) Between Whiskey Road (S-19) and East Pine Log Road (S-302).  
(Second Reading) **(MOVED FROM CONSENT ITEM 15)**
  - a. Councilman Bunker made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Butler seconded.
  - b. Councilman Bunker explained that though he had sponsored the Ordinance several months ago, he now could not support its passage because it would increase truck traffic on Whiskey Road. Councilman Bunker based his decision on accident rate statistics where on some sections of Whiskey Road the rate is four to five times higher than the State average. Councilman Bunker did state that the speeding problem on Powderhouse Road should be addressed by a law enforcement approach by both the Sheriff's Office and South Carolina Highway Patrol. He added that road improvements needed to be made to Powderhouse Road and that staff would be working with SCDOT to reestablish a truck route.
  - c. The Ordinance failed by unanimous vote.

(G) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.  
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Barton, Bunker)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non-Profit Agencies from the FY 2006 Council Contingency Fund.  
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from Palmetto Pride for Supplies for the Adopt-A-Highway Program.  
(Development Committee)
4. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name of Saturn Way, an Existing Remnant of Croft Mill Rd Which was Created by the Realignment of Croft Mill Rd (S-1303) in County Council District 8.  
(Development Committee)

5. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Name to Existing Un-Named Private Road in County Council District 1.  
(Rawls)  
**(AS AMENDED)**
6. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Paddocks Club Parkway (C-2613) and Trials Trail (C-2614) in Paddocks Subdivision, Section I Located in Council District 2.  
(Singer)
7. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Whitney Street (C-2603), Wickham Drive (C-2605), Ashley Drive (C-2604) and Wythe Drive (C-2606) in The Summit at Horse Creek Subdivision Located in County District 5.  
(Butler)
8. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Midland Pines Drive (C-2618), Cooper Lane (C-2620) and Tess Street (C-2619) in Midland Pines Subdivision Located in Council District 3.  
(McKenzie)
9. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Browns Pond Road (S-247), Joe Scott Road (C-894), Old Tory Trail (C-777), Perron Garvin Road (C-790), and Union Hill Road (C-897) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.  
(Development Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Patterson Pump Company for the Refurbishment of Aerated Sewage Pump #1 at Pump Station #3 (PS#3) at an Estimated Cost of \$35,000 for the Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Davis & Floyd, Inc, American Engineering Consultants, and B.P. Barber & Associates, Inc for Qualifications for Engineering Services.  
(Development Committee)
12. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Spring Steel Farm for Biosolids Distribution.  
(Development Committee)  
**(DELETED)**
13. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Black Box Network Services for Telephone Maintenance.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
14. Proposed Resolution to Proclaim March 22, 2006 as “Jackie Brown Day” in Aiken County.  
(County Council)
15. **MOVED TO OLD BUSINESS ITEM 1**
16. Proposed Ordinance To Amend the Fee Structure for Ambulance Services to Conform to the New Federal Medicaid Billing Regulations.  
(Judicial and Public Safety) (Second Reading)

- 16a. Proposed Resolution to Recognize and Commend Reverend Clinton Edwards on His First Pastoral Anniversary at Friendship Baptist Church.  
**(ADDITION)**
- 16b. Proposed Resolution To State That Aiken County Government Has No Objection to the Closing of Sawyer Young Road (C-921).  
**(ADDITION)**

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- 17. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 13.2 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Clarify When a Permit is Required for Cremation of a Body.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)
  - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded.
  - b. Councilman Singer stated that he would abstain from voting on Consent Item 2.
  - c. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote with Councilman Singer abstaining on Consent Item 2.
  - d. Councilman Butler made an announcement that the next Graniteville Disaster Fund Committee meeting would be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Canal Street in Graniteville on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

(H) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

- 1. Fiscal Year 2006 Aiken County Contingency Report as of March 8, 2006.

(I) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Mr. Dave Mason submitted a petition with signatures of citizens in opposition to through trucks on Powderhouse Road. Citizens and Council discussed the need for road improvements to Powderhouse Road.
- b. Mr. Jim Bronder discussed personal property taxes being higher on motorcycles, 10.5%, than on passenger vehicles which is 6%. He also discussed that the State passed legislation that allows Counties to tax aircraft at 4%.
- c. Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Butler seconded.
- d. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:30 P. M.

(J) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
  - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.  
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:

3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 9:02 P. M.

- a. Following Executive Session, Councilman Smith made a motion to reconsider Consent Item 8. Councilman Bunker seconded the motion.
- b. The motion to reconsider passed by unanimous vote.
- c. Councilman Smith made a Voice Motion to rescind Consent Item 8 – A Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Midlands Pines Drive (C-2618) and Tess Street (C-2619) in Midlands Pines Subdivision Located in Council District 3. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the Voice Motion.
- d. The Voice Motion to rescind the Resolution passed by unanimous vote.
- e. Councilman Butler made a Voice Motion to give first reading to an Ordinance for the Lease/Sale of the Teledyne Building. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
- f. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- g. Councilman Barton made a Voice Motion to approve a proposed confidentiality agreement between Aiken County and Pruitt Properties, Inc. for the Mattie C. Hall Health Care Center lawsuit. Councilman Smith seconded.
- h. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- i. Councilman Smith made a Voice Motion to extend the Kalmia lease for all County offices currently located in Kalmia Plaza. Councilman Bunker seconded
- j. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- k. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded.
- l. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 8:00 A.M. FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR LEASE/SALE OF THE TELEDYNE BUILDING.**

(K) ADJOURNMENT – 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

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Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

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Ronnie Young, Chairman